

## WILL RANK THIRD

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So Far, Report Shows.

Kansas will produce 110,000,000 bushels of wheat this year, according to the May report of J. C. Mohler, secretary of the state board of agriculture. Excellent growing conditions during the last part of the month have

reclaimed a quarter of a million acres. The crop this year is the third largest in the history of the state—will be harvested from 7,602,880 acres.

Conditions at this time are placed at \$1.4 per cent, a gain of five points over April. The harvest will begin in Kansas June 10 to 15.

Best in Northern Kansas. Prospects in the northern half of the state are the most promising. Forty-nine counties in this region will produce 87 per cent of the Kansas crop. Eighteen northwestern counties are expected to grow 28.5 per cent of the state's total. Forty-seven counties anticipate yields in excess of a million bushels each. Brown county leads the state with prospects for a yield of 22 bushels an acre. The average for the state is estimated at 14.5 bushels. Leading counties are in the northeastern section and include: Brown, Doniphan, Riley, Pottawatomie, Shawnee, Wabash and Douglas. All of these counties, tho, are outside the big wheat belt.

Prospects in the southern half of the state are unfavorable. Further declines in growing conditions are reported from these communities. Viewed as a whole, the Mohler anticipates a wheat production exceeded only by the crops of 1914 and 1919.

Spring wheat conditions are 87.9 per cent. The state has a small spring wheat acreage—principally in a half dozen northwestern counties.

Farmer have planted only 67 per cent of their corn. Weather conditions have held up farm work and the corn growing weather has not reached Kansas. An acreage of 4,741,573 is expected for the state. This is 1,860,053 acres below the ten-year average for the state and, except for 1919, is the smallest corn acreage in Kansas since 1884. Conditions at this time are \$6.9 per cent.

Corn Acreage Small. The acreage in oats this spring is estimated at 1,722,128 as against 1,822,191 acres a year ago. Present conditions are 90.2 per cent. Barley conditions are 90.2 per cent, with 508,821 acres now growing. The crop is almost entirely in the western counties.

A total of 48,102 acres is the scope of the state potato area. This is 6,484 acres below 1919. In the Kaw river district 9,532 acres were planted this year as against 9,904 last year. Prospects are for 86 per cent of a full crop.

Crop returns show an increased acreage of sorghums this year. Fifty per cent of the planting has been completed.

Labor Condition Satisfactory.

Harvesting of a first crop of alfalfa, totalling 1,299,575 tons, is estimated from 1,243,227 acres. Cutting has begun in southeastern counties.

Fewer cattle will go to the grazing lands this season than at any period in a number of years. Movement to date has been below normal. The pig

## Obregon Cried While Signing and Kissing Red Flag of the Rebels

Then the Opponent of the Plan of Aguas Calientes Stole the Flag—Pancho Villa Reveals the Inside Story of the Rebel Leader's Compact.

In Camp With General Villa. Boquilla, Chihuahua, May 19.—Via "El Paso, May 21.—Francisco Villa, variously described as a revolutionist, patriot and bandit, is yet a factor in Mexican affairs, as ready and willing to take the field against the newest revolutionary forces as he was against Carranza.

Villa, the man pursued by the American army under General Pershing, after the raid on Columbus, N. M., in 1916, declared the successor of Carranza, who he felt from the day of government before he would retire to private life and quit the life of a "Robin Hood."

Villa did not like Gen. Alvaro Obregon, candidate for the presidency of Mexico, who apparently has become the "man of the hour" in Mexico through the country's new revolution. Villa, discussing the revolutionary leaders, joked and laughed about Obregon's actions at the convention of Aguas Calientes which led to the selection of Carranza as president of Mexico three years ago.

"Obregon signed the flag as did others at the convention," said Villa. "He kissed the flag and cried as he kissed it. Then those who wanted to break the agreement stole the flag with the signatures of the delegates."

Obregon is the Mexican leader who first decisively defeated Villa. This fight occurred at Celaya. Obregon then was leading Carranza troops against Villa and later became minister of war in the Carranza cabinet.

Fights the Politicians.

Villa would not make public the crop for the year is estimated at 72 per cent of the porker yield of 1919. The slump of 28 per cent is largely in eastern counties.

The labor supply at this time is sufficient for demands, only 15 of 108 counties reporting a labor shortage. Apprehension is expressed, tho, as to the labor situation for the big wheat harvest.

THEIR DEMANDS ARE SAME

Switchmen's Union Makes Same Wage Demands as Outlaw Yardmen.

Chicago, May 21.—E. T. Whittier, chairman of the union representing railroad executives and managers, continued reading his brief of the trainmen's demands today before the United States railroad labor board here.

Interest was shown in the petitions handed in by the Switchmen's Union of North America, which represents similar to those of the outlaw organizations of yardmen.

John Granau, president of the Chicago Yardmen's association, and his followers are firm in their demands for recognition, even tho they have been refused at Washington and Chicago.

The trainmen's testimonial brief probably will be finished today, after which the conductors' petitions will be considered.

FAKED THEIR INCOME RETURNS.

Wealthy Oklahomans Tried to Sidestep Now Face Arrest, Says Official.

Oklahoma City, May 21.—Arrest of a number of wealthy citizens for alleged false income tax returns will be made soon, Frank C. Carter, state auditor, announced today.

Carter said the discrepancy in reports was startling. One man, he declared, filed his earnings at \$51,000 and investigation showed his income from his oil production alone was \$500,000.

SELLING BOOZE UNDERGROUND.

Chicago Police Believe They Have Uncovered Gigantic Wet "System."

Chicago, May 21.—Federal authorities believed today they had cleaned up an underground liquor traffic in the arrest here of seven alleged violators.

Forged permits for the sale of whiskey were used, federal authorities claimed.

Large stores of liquor here were expected to be discovered today as a result of the arrests.

WAS HIS SECOND KILLING.

While Under Two-Year Sentence Ardmore Man Shot Police Sergeant.

Ardmore, Okla., May 21.—Police today were searching for Bob Crozier, companion of Claude Pruitt who is being held charged with killing Police Sergeant Simms yesterday.

Pruitt is under a two-year prison sentence for shooting a man near here three years ago and is awaiting action of the criminal court of appeals.

Paris Saloons Go on Strike.

Paris, May 21.—Saloons throughout Paris will be closed from 4 until 6 o'clock this afternoon as a result of a general strike called by the proprietors in protest against additional taxes being levied on cognac, rum and other beverages.

## WEATHER

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predicted for this afternoon. Frost occurred at Sheridan, Wyo., this morning with a temperature of 44 degrees. Rain extended from Kansas east to New York today. It was raining in Kansas north to Canada skies were clear. To the west of Kansas, they were partly cloudy.

Extremes for this date were 87 in 1902 and 27 in 1892. At 3 o'clock this afternoon the wind was blowing 12 miles an hour from the southeast.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

Furnished by the weather bureau office, Topeka, Kan., for the twenty-four hours ending at 7 a. m. Friday.

Loc.	High.	Low.	Prev. Wind.	Bar.
Chicago, Ill.	70	62	Clear	30.00
St. Louis, Mo.	70	62	Clear	30.00
St. Paul, Minn.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Des Moines, Ia.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Omaha, Neb.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Lincoln, Neb.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Wichita, Kan.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Topeka, Kan.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Lawrence, Kan.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Overland Park, Kan.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Wichita Falls, Tex.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Fort Worth, Tex.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Dallas, Tex.	70	62	Clear	30.00
San Antonio, Tex.	70	62	Clear	30.00
El Paso, Tex.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Albuquerque, N. Mex.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Phoenix, Ariz.	70	62	Clear	30.00
San Diego, Cal.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Los Angeles, Cal.	70	62	Clear	30.00
San Francisco, Cal.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Oakland, Cal.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Portland, Ore.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Seattle, Wash.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Spokane, Wash.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Portland, Me.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Boston, Mass.	70	62	Clear	30.00
New York, N. Y.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Philadelphia, Pa.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Washington, D. C.	70	62	Clear	30.00
St. Joseph, Mo.	70	62	Clear	30.00

KANSAS WEATHER REPORT.

For twenty-four hours ending 7 a. m. Friday.

Loc.	High.	Low.	Prev. Wind.	Bar.
Topeka	70	62	Clear	30.00
Lawrence	70	62	Clear	30.00
Overland Park	70	62	Clear	30.00
Wichita	70	62	Clear	30.00
Salina	70	62	Clear	30.00
Manhattan	70	62	Clear	30.00
Emporia	70	62	Clear	30.00
St. Joseph	70	62	Clear	30.00
Wichita Falls	70	62	Clear	30.00
Fort Worth	70	62	Clear	30.00
Dallas	70	62	Clear	30.00
San Antonio	70	62	Clear	30.00
El Paso	70	62	Clear	30.00
Albuquerque	70	62	Clear	30.00
Phoenix	70	62	Clear	30.00
San Diego	70	62	Clear	30.00
Los Angeles	70	62	Clear	30.00
San Francisco	70	62	Clear	30.00
Oakland	70	62	Clear	30.00
Portland	70	62	Clear	30.00
Seattle	70	62	Clear	30.00
Spokane	70	62	Clear	30.00
Portland, Me.	70	62	Clear	30.00
Boston	70	62	Clear	30.00
New York	70	62	Clear	30.00
Philadelphia	70	62	Clear	30.00
Washington	70	62	Clear	30.00
St. Joseph	70	62	Clear	30.00

AWAIT MYSTERY WITNESS NOW

State's Chief Evidence in White Slave Case Against Policeman to End Case.

Chicago, May 21.—The testimony of a mysterious wealthy woman, who is said to be the state's chief witness, may conclude the presentation of evidence against the two negroes charged with luring Bertha Winkler, 17-year-old white girl, into an experience in a resort that ended in her death.

Bertha's story was related to the jury late yesterday by Police Lieutenant Paul Duffy, who took the girl's statement on her death bed in a hospital here.

Duffy said the girl's statement was a police officer's badge off Dorsey Chambers, colored policeman, one of the two on trial, when he heard Bertha's story.

According to her confession, Duffy said she had asked Chambers where to find an expressman to move her baggage and suggested she go to the home of Mrs. Emma Ross, the other defendant.

Detective Detective Clark substantiated Duffy's testimony.

"Fog Leg" Murphy, negro, testified that Mrs. Ross invited him to visit her home to meet a young yellow haired girl and that he visited Bertha several times.

COMP HEADS JERSEY CLUB.

T. F. Doran, Topeka, Elected Vice President Here Thursday.

J. A. Comp of White City, Kan., was elected president of the Kansas Jersey Club at the second annual meeting of the club held Thursday at Dornwood farm, was elected vice president, and R. A. Gilliland of Mayetta was elected secretary and treasurer.

The board of directors chosen included: E. H. Taylor, Keats; J. A. Comp, White City; R. A. Gilliland, Mayetta; T. F. Doran, Topeka; C. C. Coleman; Sylvia; C. P. Blake, Glasco; Lee Shafer, Fulton; Harry Cluser, Circleville, and Albert Dickens, Manhattan.

The club decided to offer a prize for the best Kansas bred Jersey at the state and free fairs. More than \$10,000 worth of pure-bred Jersey stock was represented at the meeting Thursday.

THREE AGED DIE BY GAS.

Police Believe They Found Result of Suicide Pact.

Chicago, May 20.—What is believed by police to have been a suicide pact was discovered here today when the bodies of three aged people were found in a gas filled room.

The victims were, Mrs. Rose Cyr, 70; John Maschak, 73, and Peter Brick, 69. All were found in separate rooms.

Mrs. Cyr kept house for the two aged bachelors for fifteen years.

H. C. L. WENT UP 5 PER CENT.

New High Record in Food Prices Last Month, Says Report.

Washington, May 20.—Retail food prices reached a new high record in the month ending April 15, the labor department announced today.

Wholesale prices showed an advance of 4 1/2 per cent during the same period.

The average expenditure of the American family for food increased approximately 5 per cent from March 15 to April 15.

THIEF TO GET TO CANADA.

Emporia Boy Runaway Caught by Officials at Niagara Falls.

Emporia, Kan., May 21.—Harry Burnap, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Burnap, who disappeared from home last week, has been apprehended by an immigration official at Niagara Falls. It is believed the boy was on his way to Canada and was traveling in the Emporia high school.

WERE SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

State Troopers Search for Killer of Two Detectives at Matamoras.

Matamoras, W. Va., May 21.—State troopers today were searching mountains near here for the persons who yesterday wounded and killed two detectives in a Baldwin-Felts detective and a companion.

The two men were shot from ambush. State troopers had Matamoras under control today.

Hungary Consents to Sign Pact.

Paris, May 21.—Hungary will sign the treaty of peace, M. Prasnowski, president of the Hungarian peace delegation, today announced. The Hungarian peace delegation has just returned from Budapest.

long as necessary. This is expected to increase receipts of grain within a few days.

A number of large local and eastern operators who bought early yesterday and on Wednesday's extreme break were free sellers of July corn at \$1.70 and above. In a big local short covered on the break and helped the bulge.

A few days ago No. 3 corn was 30¢22 cents over May and at the close yesterday was only 9 cents over. Industries refused to buy at the advanced prices asked by holders late in the day owing to the bulge in futures.

Kansas City Produce Market.

Kansas City, May 21.—BUTTER—Packing butter 1 cent lower, 30¢; other unchanged.

EGG—Market lower. Firsts, 38¢.

POULTRY—Broilers, 5 to 10 cents lower. 45¢ to 50¢; roasters, 1¢ lower, 35¢; chickens, unchanged.

POTATOES—New potatoes, \$1.50@1.55; old potatoes, \$1.00@1.05.

Chicago Produce Market.

Chicago, May 21.—POTATOES—Receipts 45 cars. Prices on old and new, unchanged.

New York Produce Market.

New York, May 21.—BUTTER—Market firm. Creamery higher than extras, 62¢.

EGGS—Market weak. Storage packed, extra firsts, 48¢@49¢.

CHEESE—Market easy. State whole milk, 14¢; half, 13¢; white and colored, 12¢@13¢.

POULTRY—Alive, steady; broilers by express, 40¢@45¢.

New York Sugar Market.

New York, May 21.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; centrifugal, 2.5¢ nominal; refined, firm. Fine granulated, 20.00@20.50.

Futures opened weak and at noon prices were 100 points lower or the maximum permitted in one day's trading.

New York Money Market.

New York, May 21.—MERCHANTILE—Paper, 7 1/2 per cent. Exchange, strong. Sterling, 60 day bill, 3.75¢; commercial, 60 day bill, 3.75¢; demand, 3.75¢; cables, 3.75¢.

France, demand, 13.75¢; cables, 13.75¢; francs, demand, 13.75¢; cables, 13.75¢.

Markets, demand, 2.50¢; cables, 2.50¢.

Government bonds, strong; railroad bonds, irregular. Time loans, strong; 60 days, 90 days and 6 months, 4 1/2¢.

New York Liberty Bond Market.

New York, May 21.—Liberty bonds 11.35 a. m., 11.35¢; first 4 1/2, 82.40; second 4 1/2, 82.50; third 4 1/2, 82.60; fourth 4 1/2, 82.70; Victory 4 1/2, 82.80.

Wall St. New York, May 21.—STOCKS—Efforts of the government to relieve railroad congestion easy call money rates and material recovery in Liberty bonds were among the favorable developments of today's trading here.

Traders were disappointed at the failure of the railroad stocks to make immediate response to the government's action and exerted further pressure against steel, equipment and motors. The market turned, however, when oils were again taken in hand and further upward progress was made as soon as rails joined the movement. Investment transactions and secondary issues, notably St. Paul, Rock Island and Missouri Pacific advanced to two points. Another factor of senti-

mental value was the brisk rally in Liberty bonds, which recovered one to almost 2 1/2 per cent from yesterday's lowest quotations. Call money was again abundantly supplied at 7 per cent, that rate also applying to loans over the week end.

Chicago Livestock Market.

Chicago, May 21.—CATTLE—Receipts 6,000. Market steady. Beef steers, about steady; price 1.30 pound steers, \$12.25; bulk of sales, \$11.00@12.75; heavy beef steers and butchers, \$10.00@11.50; pigs, strong to 25¢ higher; bulk, desirable kinds, \$12.00@13.00.

HOGS—Receipts 20,000. Market slow, but mostly 25¢ higher; top, \$14.50; bulk, \$14.00; light hogs, \$14.00@14.50; pigs, strong to 25¢ higher; bulk, desirable kinds, \$12.00@13.00.

SHEEP—Receipts 3,000. Bulk direct to packers; market steady to lower; good 71 pound shorn lambs, \$10.00; medium to good California spring lambs, late yesterday at \$15.00.

Kansas City Livestock Market.

Kansas City, May 21.—CATTLE—Receipts 2,400. Over half in quarantine division. Beef cattle, steady to 15 cents higher; top, \$12.45; bulk, steady to 25¢ higher; fancy medium weight, \$13.50; other kinds, \$12.00@13.00.

HOGS—Receipts 1,500. Lights, steady; medium and heavy, strong to 10¢ higher; top, \$14.50; bulk, \$14.00; light hogs, \$14.00@14.50; pigs, strong to 25¢ higher; bulk, desirable kinds, \$12.00@13.00.

SHEEP—Receipts 7,000. Few sales of hogs over sheep and lambs; no goats selling.

Kansas City Livestock Market.

(The following sales were made this morning at the stock yards, Kansas City and reported over long distance telephone direct to the State Journal by Clay Robinson & Co., live stock commission merchants.)

KILLING STEERS.

No. Wt. Price

54.....1010 11.25 2.....1020 12.63

11.....1020 12.15

6.....920 8.00 1.....1040 9.12